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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for IAH Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Station in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The Houston Airport System, located at 2800 N Terminal Rd, Houston, TX 77032.

The funding would be used to further the IAH Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Station project. Specifically, the project will demolish the existing fire station and build a new Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Station #92 at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). The new station will be approximately 22,000 gross square feet and include 6 apparatus bays, administrative offices, dormitories, a common area, and parking. Moreover, the fire station will have direct access to Taxiway SB and Runway 9-27. The total cost of the project is \$17.23 million. Further, construction will commence at the beginning of the 2nd quarter of 2023 and is expected to be completed in September 2024.

This project is vital as IAH expands, as the existing fire station and facilities are outdated and incapable of providing sufficient capacity for the airport. As such, the IAH Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Station project provides a pertinent safety function. Additionally, this effort will usher in construction jobs and new opportunities for firefighters and airport personnel, ultimately benefiting the larger community's economy.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the safety of IAH. The current fire station and facilities are outdated and ill-equipped to support

IAH's expanded operations. In addition to securing safety, the IAH Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Station will provide jobs to the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress